

PUBLICATIONS.

Handbook of Anatomy. Being a Complete Compend of Anatomy, Including the Anatomy of the Viscera and Numerous Tables. By JAMES K. YOUNG, M. D., Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Philadelphia, Polyclinic, etc. Second edition, revised and enlarged. With 171 engravings, some in colors. Crown octavo, flexible cloth, rounded corners. \$1.50 net. F. A. Davis Company, publishers, 1914-16 Cherry street, Philadelphia.

It is unfortunately true that there is a considerable demand for books of this class. That they are useful for some purposes cannot be denied; nevertheless their general employment is to be deplored. Anatomy is a science which cannot be learned from compends.

This particular book consists of 402 pages, and the arrangement of the material is essentially the same as that of others, being based chiefly on Gray's Anatomy. Whilst this book is possibly better than some of its class, many of its descriptions are, from their very brevity, often confusing. The appendix vermiformis, for example, is dismissed in four lines. Surely this organ is sufficiently important to warrant more description than is given. Again the description of the perineum consists practically of nothing more than the recital of the names of the structures found in this region. If the student had to rely on this book for his knowledge of the anatomy of the female perineum, his ideas on this subject would remain primitive.

The importance of clear and accurate illustrations has, perhaps, nowhere been more emphasized than in dealing with anatomical subjects. It is unfortunate, then, that many of the illustrations in this compend are not better. With improvements in this respect and a revision of some of the text, we feel that the book would be very creditable. A. J. J.

The Surgical Assistant. A Manual for Students, Practitioners, Hospital Internes and Nurses. By WALTER M. BRICKNER, B. S., M. D., Assistant Surgeon, Mt. Sinai Hospital, Out-Patient Department, etc. 360 pages. 123 original illustrations and 116 illustrations of surgical instruments. New York: The International Journal of Surgery Company, 1905. Price \$2.00 net.

This small volume of 363 pages has been chiefly written for hospital internes and nurses. Somewhat enthusiastic as to the possibilities suggested by the title, we were disappointed in the manner of treatment of what might have been a very interesting topic. However, the first two chapters on "The Conduct of the Assistant, and The Hospital Interne," contain subject matter of considerable importance. Chapter III, which is entitled "Assistance in Examinations and Dressings," is certainly far from being suggestive, especially that section devoted to fractures and dislocations. The author's experience in this class of surgery is evidently quite limited. Chapters IV and V certainly do not flatter the intelligence of the hospital interne. Other sections are devoted to the subjects of "Anesthetics," "Methods of Sterilizing," "Handling Instruments" and "The Immediate Post-operative Care of the Patient." For the most part the treatment is superficial, and the chapter on "The Post-operative Care of the Patient" is, on the whole, inferior to that found in some text-books of nursing.

The remainder of the book consists mainly of a recital, with brief descriptions, of some of the common surgical operations. Many of the procedures are not as well described as in the average text-book of surgery. Throughout the text there are "123 original illustrations." Many of them are actually ridiculous. Finally the book is concluded with an appendix which contains, among other things, methods for preparing suture materials, and illustrations of various surgical instruments. With reference to the latter, we feel that the reader would derive infinitely greater information by consulting a good instrument maker's catalogue.

Although this little book will undoubtedly be met with approval among a certain class of readers, it does not meet the demands of intelligent hospital internes. Where the writer should have been original he has not even proven suggestive. A. J. L.

New Licentiates.

The following is the list of those who passed the July and August examinations of the State Board:

W. C. Alvarez, H. L. Avery, A. A. Atkinson.
W. A. Bayley, Adolph Berg, S. J. Brimhall, Lois V. Bronson.
George E. Chappell, Frank F. Clair, W. F. Cothran, A. F. Cowder, C. D. Cowles.
Percival Dolman.
Edw. W. Earing, Frank W. Edmonds, J. C. Egeberg.
Clifton M. Faris, John Hayes Fisher.
Marcus Goodson.
Joseph H. Hall, J. S. Hanlon, Albert J. Haskins, A. T. Hembree, Hermann V. Hoffmann, Lucius J. Huff, R. H. Hunt, Walter Hurst, Woods Hutchinson.
Josephine A. Jackson.
Charles W. Lawton, H. Clifford Loos.
Marion B. McAulay, John S. McEachern, James H. McKellar, Albert Henry McNulty, Edw. W. Merithew, Roy Henry Morris.
James E. Nelson, Jennie E. Nesbitt, Ephraim Northcott.
A. L. Offield.
Fred W. Peterson.
William Quinn.
A. J. Remmel, M. H. Ross, Louis X. Ryan.
J. F. Sherfy, Jessie H. Simpson, H. F. Sloane, F. H. Smith, P. C. Smith, George S. Snyder, P. H. Sunde, Harry L. Swauger.
D. A. I. Thieme, Mary L. Thomson, E. C. Turner.
J. I. Vickerson, H. M. Voorhees.
Calvin A. Walker, J. W. Watenpaugh, Phil H. Weber, Harry I. Wiel, Phil L. Wise, William F. Wismar, G. A. Wood.
Albert F. Zimmerman.

Wood Alcohol.

Practically pure methyl alcohol is on sale in the United States under various names. Among these, Columbian, or Manhattan, spirit may be mentioned. The toxic character of this alcohol is so pronounced as to render it advisable that every package containing it—no matter what the trade name may be—should be plainly marked, as is required for poisons. Unpurified wood alcohol is known also as wood spirit and wood naphtha.—H. W. Wiley, in *N. Y. Medical Journal*.

July-August Examinations; a Correction.

In transcribing the result of the recent examinations a slight error crept in. Under the caption "Failed," at the July examination, the Hahnemann Medical College of California is credited with 3 candidates. This is an error, as one of these applicants graduated from the Hahnemann College of Philadelphia.

Herzstein Lectures.

The University of California invites you and your friends to be present at six lectures on special chemical problems related to practical medicine to be delivered by Dr. Alonzo E. Taylor at eight o'clock in the evening at the Mark Hopkins Institute of Art, San Francisco. The dates and subjects of the lectures are as follows: October 10th, "The Toxic Agent in Gastro-Intestinal Auto-Intoxication"; October 13th, "The Theory of Disinfection"; October 17th, "The Relations of the Nitrogenous to the Carbonous Metabolism in Disease"; October 20th, "The Value of Kryptoscopic Investigations for Pathology and Diagnosis"; October 24th, "The Derivation of the Body Sugar in the Diabetic"; October 27th, "The Derivation of the Body Sugar in the Diabetic."